

**St. Bede Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2004**

**Present:** Rosanne Black, Toni Collingwood, Charles Leahey, Celeste Prezioso, Monica Rettig, Don Seger, Jay Colley, Betty Morris, Miriam Saguto, John McCormick, Monsignor Carr, Ed Lull, Dick Woestman, Tess Thome

**Absent:** Greg Ballentine, Dave Clemens, Marianne Wrightson, Mike Powers

Don Seger opened meeting at 7:00 PM with a prayer.

The minutes from the October meeting passed with one minor spelling correction.

**Committee Reports**

Liturgy Committee: Betty Morris distributed the minutes from the October Liturgy Committee meeting. She stated that the Day of Recollection for communion ministers, lectors, music ministers, adult acolytes, ushers and greeters was well attended and well received. Committees are preparing to cover the Masses during Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Easter Liturgy is being discussed.

Social Ministry: Dick reported that no formal Social Ministry report is available at this time. Thanksgiving baskets are prepared for +/-45 families. Bob Quiron is assisting on an interim basis at this time. This is a busy time of the year, Completed interviews for a director and references are being checked.

Christian Formation: Jay reported that there are 305 children, K-5 enrolled in the School of Religion. Outreach Project for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders is the Angels of Mercy Clinic with hygiene kits for children. The Christmas Pageant is on December 10. 77 children are preparing for First Penance. The children will lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent and a Lenten Outreach Project for Olde Towne Medical Clinic with hygiene kits for children.

**Old Business:**

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”: Ed Lull reported that the survey data that was explained at the last meeting has been compiled. The conclusion is based on survey data gleaned from 11 respondents. Final recommendations should be made and sent with a cover memo from Monsignor to the Bishop. It was suggested that “violence and inappropriate language” be added to “Resisting forces of immorality”. Copies of the report was distributed. The next step is to canvas the parish to find out whether parishioners feel that we are meeting their needs with regard to the “We Have Come This Far By Faith” document. It will begin after January 1, 2005.

Faith In Action: Rosanne plans to organize a core group to commit to a care committee

and then she will call Faith In Action to set up training.

Pipe Organ Funding Opportunity: Miriam outlined Organ Funding Campaign

- Funding brochure mailed to parish families
  - Pulpit information and impressive display in Commons have begun to alert parish
  - Untapped resource: New Families
  - Many One Table Donors have come back to contribute again
  - December Newsletter announcement and future publicity planned
  - JANUARY - Event planned to welcome organ
  - Organ construction begins
  - Pastoral Council members asked to call new families (registered after 03-01-03)  
Organ Fund Raising Committee are soliciting families (registered 01-01 to 03-03)
  - Solicitation packet to Pastoral Council members includes a timeline, selling points, sales script and FAQ sheet
  - Suggests that calls be made soon while organ still fresh in minds
  - Encourage Christmas giving to family/friends who haven't need for personal gifts
  - End date for making pledge is as soon as family is comfortable
  - Ornament given to each donor or in honor of each donor who gives a certain amount
- Good news: Parishioner donated \$100,000 recently

Total Pledged to date: \$140,000

Total Needed: \$1,000,000

Neighborhood Ministry: Toni has gotten the following communities committed to set up planning meetings: First Colony and Governor's Land - December; Kingspoint, Holly Hills and Walnut Hills - January.

In January of 2005, Mike and Jay will get together with Toni to determine how, when, where and why we will approach neighborhoods.

Neighborhood meeting nights may be scheduled to:

- 1) establish dialogue to address parish concerns
- 2) get feedback on "We've Come This Far By Faith"
- 3) update parish census
- 4) get advance Parish Registry commitment

L.A.R.C. Conference Report: Tess arranged housing and meals for conference. 100 attended Friday at Bruton Parish. 180 attended Saturday at St. Bede Parish Center. Mary Ellen Pitard very busy with planning and was disappointed that there was not enough involvement from St. Bede because of other activities in parish that weekend. Many who attended have been involved for years. Speakers were excellent. Tess is to be commended for her tireless effort.

Parish Registry Update: John reported that the contract has been signed with PCA International, Inc. Photography entails the 4 weeks of April and the first week of May to be conducted in the Commons. It will be heavily publicized beginning the first part of February to generate interest.

Finance Council Proposal: Don reported that a PC/FC liaison is to be established with a

Finance Council member attending our December and June meetings and a Pastoral Council member will attend the Finance Council meetings in March and September.

Pastoral Council Elections: Don reported that notice has gone into the bulletin and that Monsignor will arrange to have the elections announced at Mass. Would like to have at least 8 candidates for the slate. Dave and Greg interested in running again as they were appointed to complete terms of vacated seats on the Council.

### **New Business:**

Golf and Tennis Tournament: Dick reported that last year's tournament yielded less than \$6000, in spite of many hours and phone calls by the organizers in an effort to get participation. Organizers are not interested in chairing this event again. It is feared that the tournament will die if another group doesn't take it over. After discussion, it was felt we should consider taking a year off and then start fresh again with competition between the major golf neighborhoods. 100 golfers and 30 tennis players are needed to make it a successful venture.

Suggestion Box: Rosanne and Monica are monitoring the suggestions. A subcommittee will respond to suggestions with addresses. Others will be clustered for response in Newsletter. Some FAQ may be addressed on the Web site.

### **Monsignor Carr Comments:**

Site plans for the new rectory is in the hands of the county for approval. Construction will begin when approval is granted. Hopefully, the rectory will be finished by next fall.

VDOT has a new county level representative who is receptive to dialogue with concern to our needs. A study was done in late summer and it yielded a startling discovery with regard to the ratio of left turns to right turns at egress and the impact it had on clearing the lots after Mass. VDOT receptive to presenting a power point presentation with suggestions to the Council, when further studies are coordinated.

Discussion of utilizing the parking spaces allotted to us at Greenspring Chapel for the ministers of the 9 and 11 AM Mass is underway by a committee.

Police presence at Ironbound Road before and after Mass to be studied to ascertain if it can be improved or done away with.

We closed with a prayer from Toni.

**Next Meeting: December 16, 2004 (Note Change) 7:00 PM**

Minutes taken by Monica Rettig and compiled by Don Seger and jointly submitted for approval of Parish Council.

